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Guides



**Hardwood  
Creek  
Regional Trail**  
*Minnesota*



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northern endpoint. At the Washington–Chisago county line, the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail becomes the Sunrise Prairie Trail, which continues north for another 17 miles to North Branch. A more practical access point for those wanting to take the trail south from Forest Lake is to start near US 61 and Broadway Avenue. A little more than a mile south of the official northern terminus, this trail access offers ample parking, nearby retail shops and services, and a chance to enjoy Lakeside Park, just two blocks east on the shores of Forest Lake.

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Begin your journey in Hugo, a bedroom community featuring many shops and restaurants. The views quickly change to open fields as you leave residential areas. Several other places of business can be found in downtown Forest Lake, located just south of the trail's



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**States:** Minnesota

**Counties:** Washington

Length: 10miles

**Trail end points:** US 61 and 240th St. N. (Forest Lake) to US 61 and 140th St. N. (Hugo)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Grass

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Horseback Riding, Inline Skating, Snowmobiling, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access

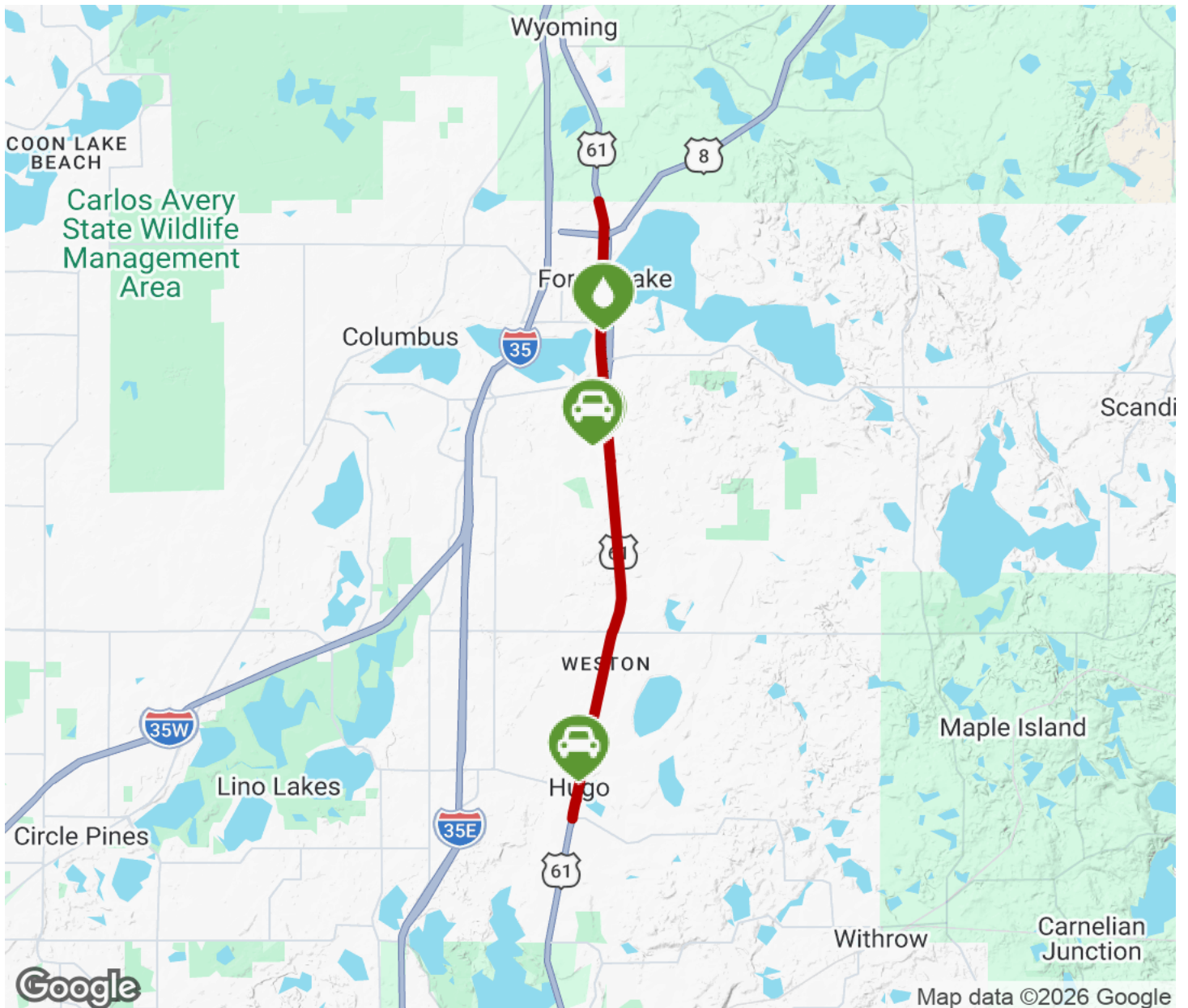
There are two parking options along the trail including in Hugo between 145th and 146th St., just off the trail at the Forest Lake YMCA (19845 Forest Rd N).

See [TrailLink Map](#) for more detailed information.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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